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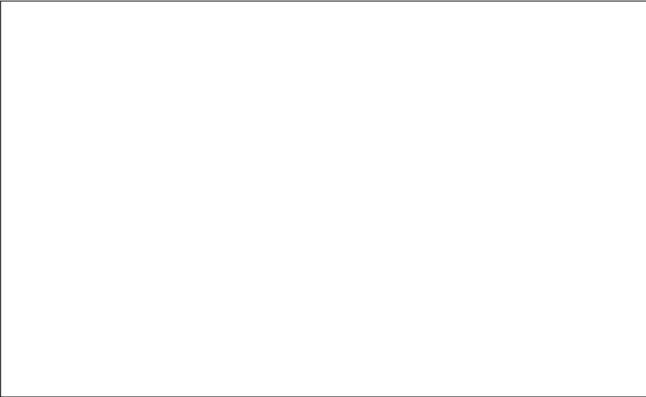
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WEATHER FORECAST





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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 6N130E through a tropical disturbance near 8N145E and finally to near 5N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are found in the Mariana islands as well as between Yap and Chuuk or between 4N and 16N from 139E to 153E. Just east of the monsoon trough, a surface trough of low pressure continues to near the equator at 168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing north and east of the trough or within 100 miles either side of a line from 9N160E to the equator at 173E, including Kosrae. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall islands, between 4N and 16N from 170E to 180.


 **SAIPAN AND TINIAN**  
Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.  
**Winds:** East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers.  
**Temperature:** Lows near 78. Highs near 86.


 **GUAM AND ROTA**  
Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers, some locally heavy, and a slight chance of thunderstorms.  
**Winds:** East at 20-25 mph. Gusting in 35 mph in showers.  
**Temperature:** Lows near 78. Highs near 86.


 **PALAU**  
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast at 10 kt.




















 **POHNPEI**  
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** East at 10 kt.

 **YAP AND ULITHI**  
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast at 10 kt.

 **KOSRAE**  
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Southeast at 10 kt.

 **CHUUK**  
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms.  
**Winds:** Northeast at 10-15 kt.

 **MAJURO**  
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.  
**Winds:** East at 10-15 kt.

CITY	FORECAST	HIGH	LOW
 Auckland	Cloudy	61F (16C)	49F (9C)
 Beijing	Sunny	44F (7C)	26F (-3C)
 Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	74F (23C)	61F (16C)
 Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86F (30C)	72F (22C)
 London, England	Cloudy	56F (13C)	45F (7C)
 Los Angeles	Cloudy	69F (21C)	51F (11C)
 Manila	Cloudy	88F (31C)	71F (22C)
 Melbourne	Sunny	73F (23C)	54F (12C)
 Miami	Partly Cloudy	84F (29C)	75F (24C)
 New York, NY	Cloudy	52F (11C)	48F (9C)
 Osaka	Rain	54F (12C)	46F (8C)
 Paris	Cloudy	53F (12C)	41F (5C)
 Pusan	Rain	58F (14C)	43F (6C)
 Rome	Partly Cloudy	55F (13C)	39F (4C)
 Salem, Oregon	Rain	54F (12C)	38F (3C)
 San Francisco	Sunny	64F (18C)	47F (5C)
 Seoul	Rain	52F (11C)	45F (7C)
 Tokyo	Rain	55F (13C)	49F (9C)
 Washington, DC	Cloudy	60F (16C)	48F (9C)



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# Opinion

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# ON MY MIND. . .

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## Letters to the Editor

Saipan Tribune welcomes contributions. All letters intended for publication must include the writer's name, address and, if possible, fax or telephone number. Letters are edited for space, clarity and fairness.

# Our World At War

Our World At War



# Flag of Palau flying high in the sky

**KOROR, Palau** (PDN, PIR)—The flag of the Republic of Palau, a full moon against a blue sky, will fly higher than ever before. The flag is displayed on Palau Micronesia Air's 737-300, which made its inaugural flight Friday night to Darwin, Australia.

"We're proud to have our own airline with our island's name. In a way, it kind of sets us apart from other islands in that we're brave enough to take part in this," said Valentina Edesomel, a resident of Ngerchemai in Koror.

Cecelia Yamada, a 53-year-old resident of Medalaai in Koror and many other Palauans echoed Edesomel's sentiments.

But while they were proud of the inaugural flight and the possibilities ahead, some residents said they had some concerns about the fledgling airline's ability to compete with other airlines in an arena where other airlines have failed.

Yamada said it will be difficult for Palau Micronesia Air to compete with Continental Airlines, which has flown routes between

Palau, Guam and other islands in Micronesia for decades.

"It's going to be hard to catch up with Continental because they have more money and they're bigger," Yamada said.

"Right when Palau Air announced cheaper flights to the Philippines for \$199, Continental announced a \$189 air fare to the Philippines."

Alan Seid, part owner and chief executive officer of the fledgling Palau Micronesia Air, said he's not trying to compete with Continental.

"They've got a deeper pocket so it's harder to compete with them. I don't think we ever wanted to come in and try to outdo Continental. We just want to get our little niche in the market," Seid said.

He added that feasibility studies have shown that the Asia-Pacific market can absorb a small airline.

"And of course, we do hope the local people—the island people—will support us and keep us alive for years to come," Seid said.

One of the concerns that

popped up during interviews with various Palauan residents yesterday was Air Nauru's failure in the region.

But Seid said he hears the comparisons made between Palau Micronesia Air and Air Nauru, but no comparison can be made.

The PMA chief executive officer said the biggest difference between the two airlines is the ownership and the expertise behind the ventures.

"PMA is not a national airline. We don't have a government trying to run an airline. We

have professionals," he said.

Seid pointed to other successful airlines based in Pacific islands: "Tahiti Nui is a great success. Air Asia, which uses the same type of aircraft, is a huge success."

But Seid also acknowledged the risk involved in the airline industry.

"We've done our homework. We had our feasibility studies done and we've taken the risk and made the investments," Seid said. "At this point, there's only one way to find out what happens. We just need to do it."

## Raffles to manage new Tahiti hotel

**PAPEETE, Tahiti** (Tahitipresse, PIR)—Raffles International announced Monday the signing of a management agreement for the 65-villa luxury resort on French Polynesia's island of Tahaa, the group's first

property in the South Pacific.

Raffles Taimana Resort Tahaa, reportedly still a project that has not yet begun construction, will offer 65 one-bedroom and two-bedroom villas, three food and beverage facilities, a meeting room, a library, a

RafflesAmrita Spa, tennis court and a diving center, according to a Raffles press release. More than 80 percent of the resort will be built over water, providing views of the nearby islands of Raiatea and Bora Bora.

cants are asked to submit acceptance letter into a higher education institution, proof of one year residency on Saipan, most recent official sealed transcript, and valid Saipan ID. No.

Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to SHEFA at the Mayor's Office.

For inquiries call 234-6208/234-6280 or email: jbt-mayor@vzpacifica.net.

### Motheread/Fatheread schedule out

The CNMI Motheread/Fatheread® schedule for its upcoming classes is as follows:

- 6pm Mondays at Garapan Youth Learning Center
- 6pm Tuesdays at Tanapag Head Start Center
- 6pm Wednesdays at San Roque Head Start Center
- 6pm Thursdays at Kagman II Head Start Center
- 10am Saturdays starting today, Aug. 28 at Kagman III Head Start Center

The classes run for eight weeks and meet one time a week. They are free. They are open to anyone wanting to learn how to read effectively with children as well as improve their own reading skills.

For more information contact the Motheread/Fatheread coordinator at 235-4785 or 235-7323.

### House of Manhoben open for registration

The House of Manhoben is open for registration in the following sports: Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Basketball and Girls' Canoeing, for ages 14-17 years old.

Registration dates and time are from Monday to Friday, 2:30pm-5:30pm, at the House of Manhoben Center in Chalan Kanoa. Registration will end on Aug. 31.

Parents are encouraged to come and register their children. Space is limited; registration will be on a "first come- first served bases."

cancelled and is rescheduled for next week Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004. If you have any questions or concerns call 664-4100, 664-4105 or 664-4106. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

### Youth Learning Center registration to start

The Garapan Youth Learning Center announces its open-house/registration beginning Aug. 30, 2004 to Sept. 3, from 9am to 4:30pm. Interested parents are encouraged to visit the center. The center provides services on tutoring in general subjects, computer lab, sports, guidance and counseling and other related educational activities. Services are free of charge and available to youth from grade levels 1st through 12th. For more information contact 664-7883.

### E-form for SHEFA scholarship now available

Applications for Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance are now available online and can be downloaded by accessing its website: [www.saipan-shefa.com](http://www.saipan-shefa.com).

This option is especially helpful for those students who are currently abroad, and qualified to avail of this assistance.

The scholarship, which is under the Municipality of Saipan, Office of the Mayor, aims to provide supplementary financial assistance pursuant to Saipan Local Law 13-21, to qualified residents of Saipan (inclusive of the Northern Islands) in pursuing postsecondary education on Saipan or abroad.

Under the rules, ongoing applicants need to submit official sealed transcript, valid Saipan municipal ID No., and official class registration. New appli-



### Workshop on for young girls

The House of Manhoben at Chalan Kanoa is holding a Workshop called "Young Female Empowerment" for girls in the CNMI ages 12 to 18 years old.

Topics include building self-esteem and women in leadership, including many fun cooperative activities that will be offered.

The Workshop will be at the Pacific Islands Club on Sept. 25, from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Registration for the workshop is concurrent with the registration for Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball and Girls Canoeing/Paddling at the House of Manhoben Center, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm.

"Let's give our young girls a chance. The above events are for girls only," a House of Manhoben statement said.

Parents are encouraged to register their daughters. Space is limited, therefore, it will be on a first come-first serve basis.

### Families with Disabilities officers meeting set

The CNMI Association of Families with Disabilities meeting will be held on Aug. 31, 2004, 6pm, at Skyway Restaurant, Airport Road. Should you have any questions call Lisa A. Aldan at 483-0395 or Vicky Tudela at 288-7676 for further information.

All parents and community members are welcomed to attend this meeting.

### Chacha resets its PTSA meeting

The administration of Chacha Oceanview Junior High School would like to inform all parents, guardians, students and the community that the scheduled PTSA meeting for Aug. 26, 2004 was

## GUIDELINES FOR FLOOD CLEANUP

Flooding can cause the disruption of water purification and sewage disposal systems, overflowing of toxic waste sites, and dislodgement of chemicals previously stored aboveground. Although most floods do not cause serious outbreaks of infectious disease or chemical poisonings, they can cause sickness in workers and others who come in contact with contaminated floodwater. In addition, flooded areas may contain electrical or fire hazards connected with downed power lines.

### Floodwater

Floodwater often contains infectious organisms, including intestinal bacteria such as E. coli, Salmonella, and Shigella; Hepatitis A virus; and agents of typhoid, paratyphoid and tetanus. The signs and symptoms experienced by the victims of waterborne microorganisms are similar, even though they are caused by different pathogens. These symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, muscle aches, and fever. Most cases of sickness associated with flood conditions are brought about by ingesting contaminated food or water. Tetanus, however, can be acquired from contaminated soil or water entering broken areas of the skin, such as cuts, abrasions, or puncture spasms, known as lockjaw. The symptoms may appear weeks after exposure and may begin as a headache, but later develop into difficulty swallowing or opening the jaw.

Floodwaters also may be contaminated by agricultural or industrial chemicals or by hazardous agents present at flooded hazardous waste sites. Flood cleanup crew members who must work near flooded industrial sites also may be exposed to chemically contaminated floodwater. Although different chemicals cause different health effects, the signs and symptoms most frequently associated with chemical poisoning are headaches, skin rashes, dizziness, nausea, excitability, weakness, and fatigue.

Pools of standing or stagnant water become breeding grounds for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of encephalitis, West Nile Virus or other mosquito-borne diseases. The presence of wild animals in populated areas increases the risk of diseases caused by animal bites (e.g., rabies) as well as diseases carried by fleas and ticks.

### Protect yourself

To avoid waterborne disease, it is important to wash your hands with soap and clean, running water. People should assume that any water in flooded or surrounding areas is not safe unless the local or state authorities have specifically declared it to be safe. If no safe water supply is available for washing, use bottled water, water that has been boiled for at least 10 minutes or chemically disinfected water. (To disinfect water, use 5 drops of liquid household bleach to each gallon of water and let sit for at least 30 minutes for disinfection to be completed.) Water storage containers should be rinsed periodically with a household bleach solution. If

water is suspected of being contaminated with hazardous chemicals, cleanup workers may need to wear special chemical protective outer clothing and goggles. Before entering a contaminated area that has been flooded, you should put on plastic or rubber gloves, boots, and other protective clothing needed to avoid contact with floodwater.

Decrease the risk of mosquito and other insect bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and by using insect repellants. Wash your hands with soap and water that has been boiled or disinfected before preparing or eating foods, after using the bathroom, after participating in flood cleanup activities, and after handling articles contaminated by flood waters. In addition, children should not be allowed to play in flood waters or with toys that have been in contact with flood waters. Toys should be disinfected.

### What to do if symptoms develop

If you have any of the signs or symptoms listed above, appropriate first-aid treatment and medical advice should be sought. If the skin is broken, particularly with a puncture wound or a wound in contact with potentially contaminated material, a tetanus vaccination may be needed if it has been five years or more since your last tetanus shot.

### Tips to remember

- Before working in flooded areas, be sure your tetanus shot is current (given within the last 10 years). Wounds that are associated with a flood should be evaluated for risk; a physician may recommend a tetanus immunization.
- Consider all water unsafe until local authorities announce that the public water supply is safe.
- Do not use contaminated water to wash and prepare food, brush your teeth, wash dishes, or make ice.
- Keep an adequate supply of safe water available for washing and potable water for drinking.
- Be alert for chemically contaminated floodwater at industrial sites.
- Use extreme caution with potential chemical and electric hazards, which have great potential for fires and explosions. Floods have the strength to move and/or bury hazardous waste and chemical containers far from their normal storage places, creating a risk for those who come into contact with them. Any chemical hazards, such as propane tank, should be handled by the fire department or police.
- If the safety of a food or beverage is questionable, throw it out.
- Seek immediate medical care for all animal bites.

For further inquiries about health and safety in association with flooded areas, you may contact an OSHA representative at 322-8615, and ask for Jim Wulff or Ray Deleon Guerrero.

# Good Housekeeping

## *Cooking with Chef Singh*





## The Good Life

# How to find the best inexpensive wines

By **CORIE BROWN**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A \$45 Burgundy can be a beautiful thing, but for most of us who like a good bottle with our roast chicken on an ordinary Monday night, a solid, \$10 Cote du Rhone is gorgeous.

Faced with aisles of unknown European bottles at Trader Joe's or Costco, though, or the dozens of bargains on the front table at any number of local wine stores, how do we wine civilians tell the promising from the plonk?

You might take a cue from chefs; their shopping savvy comes from years of holding down food costs in the kitchen. Every few days, Alain Giraud, former chef at the Los Angeles restaurant Bastide, checks out the wine aisle at his local Trader Joe's, searching for bargains. While the chain store's Two Buck Chuck (formally known as Charles Shaw Wine) might not deliver the insouciant complexities that connoisseurs crave, fork over an extra five bucks for a European wine, and you might be in for a pleasant surprise.

"The way I do it is to buy one bottle and try it," says Giraud. "If it's good, I rush back to buy what's left." (Other bargain hunters have been known to open a bottle and taste it in the parking lot, then dash back into the store to buy more.) An encouraging number of times, Giraud says, he lucks into a decent Cotes du Rhone.

Cotes du Rhones are often safe bets, in fact. They're well made and easy to drink and come from a region that, unlike say, Bordeaux, has not been progressively overpriced and overvalued. Growing up in the south of France, Giraud knows as well as anyone that there are good wines in the world for everyday drinking that don't cost an arm and a leg.

Don't overlook the obvious: Buy the wines that made that region famous. These are the wines with which they have the most experience.

From Italy, buy Chiantis rather than Merlots. If you see a Rioja from Spain, chances are good that it will be decent. Turn to Germany for whites, particularly Rieslings.

Avoid European wines that carry California varietal labels such as Chardonnay and Cabernet. Merlot from Sicily, for instance, is probably more of a corporate marketing gimmick than an effort by an individual to make good wine. Instead, advises George Cossette, owner of Silverlake Wine in Los Angeles, "pick labels that reflect the European system of wine identification—with its emphasis on place."

Buying wines from lesser known or less prestigious regions is another good strategy. The South of France is a safe bet at \$10 because winemakers there actually intend to make \$10 wine. But in Burgundy, producers can inflate prices hoping to cash in on the wine's cachet. A cheap bottle can mean bad grapes or some other nasty surprise.

In any region, look for wines with governmental designations—AOC (Appellation d'Origine Controllee) in France, DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata) or DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita) in Italy, DOC (Denominacion de Origen Calificada) or DO (Denominacion de Origen) in Spain.

**"If all of this is too overwhelming and still requires too much education, there are three rules that anyone can follow: One, avoid dusty bottles; there is probably a reason they haven't sold. Two, check the alcohol level: lower is better. And three, at all costs, avoid cheesy-looking labels."**



Add salt to an inferior wine and voila—it's suddenly decent.

These are the wines whose production is most closely controlled, as well as appreciated, in their home countries. (That's not always true for wines labeled merely as table wine—vin de table or vino da tavola.)

Another way to go is to keep track of the best vintages—the years when most wines from a particular region are good. Buying the "little" wines from lesser-known producers in great vintages is a way to limit mistakes, says Burgundy wine critic Allen Meadows.

For instance, 2000 was well-known as an outstanding vintage in Bordeaux, and any inexpensive 2000 Bordeaux is likely to be pretty good.

But, says Meadows, you can seek out the big names in "little" vintages, regardless of the region or sub-region. "The great domaines and chateaux can almost always create something interesting," he says. "Plus you have the benefit of the class and refinement of the great terroirs."

By the same token, a well-known producer in an inferior vintage is likely to divert fruit intended for a high-priced wine into a lesser label. While the fruit doesn't meet the higher expectations, it can be far superior to the typical bargain fruit that goes into that label.

Giraud says he is fond of the well-known Rhone producer Guigal's better-than-average table wine, and so he buys Guigal's basic Cotes du Rhone whenever he sees it.

But unknown vintners also offer opportunities for bargain hunters. They don't have money for marketing and so fall through the cracks in distribution even when they are good.

Cossette suggests looking for the words "mis en bouteille au chateau" or some other indication that the wine was made by an individual producer at a specific location and not made by a generic factory winery. "It doesn't mean it's a good chateau, but it's made by a person not a corporation," he says.

Search for unknown regions in Spain, Italy and France. These places have a wine culture and the old vines that go with it, but they've made little if any wine for export. Updated winemaking has brought wines from Spain's Galicia and Rueda regions up to international standards, and many are reasonably priced.

"The La Mancha area around Madrid never produced great wine," says Randy Kemner, owner of Wine Country in Signal Hill, south of Los Angeles, "but they've always had local wine. Now that they have modernized, they are producing lovely, fruit-dominated wines."

From South America, avoid the overhyped Chilean wines, says Kemner; look instead for wines from Argentina that more recently have come onto the market. "They are a country of serious wine drinkers," he says. "It's pretty exciting down there now."

If all of this is too overwhelming and still requires too much education, there are three rules that anyone can follow:

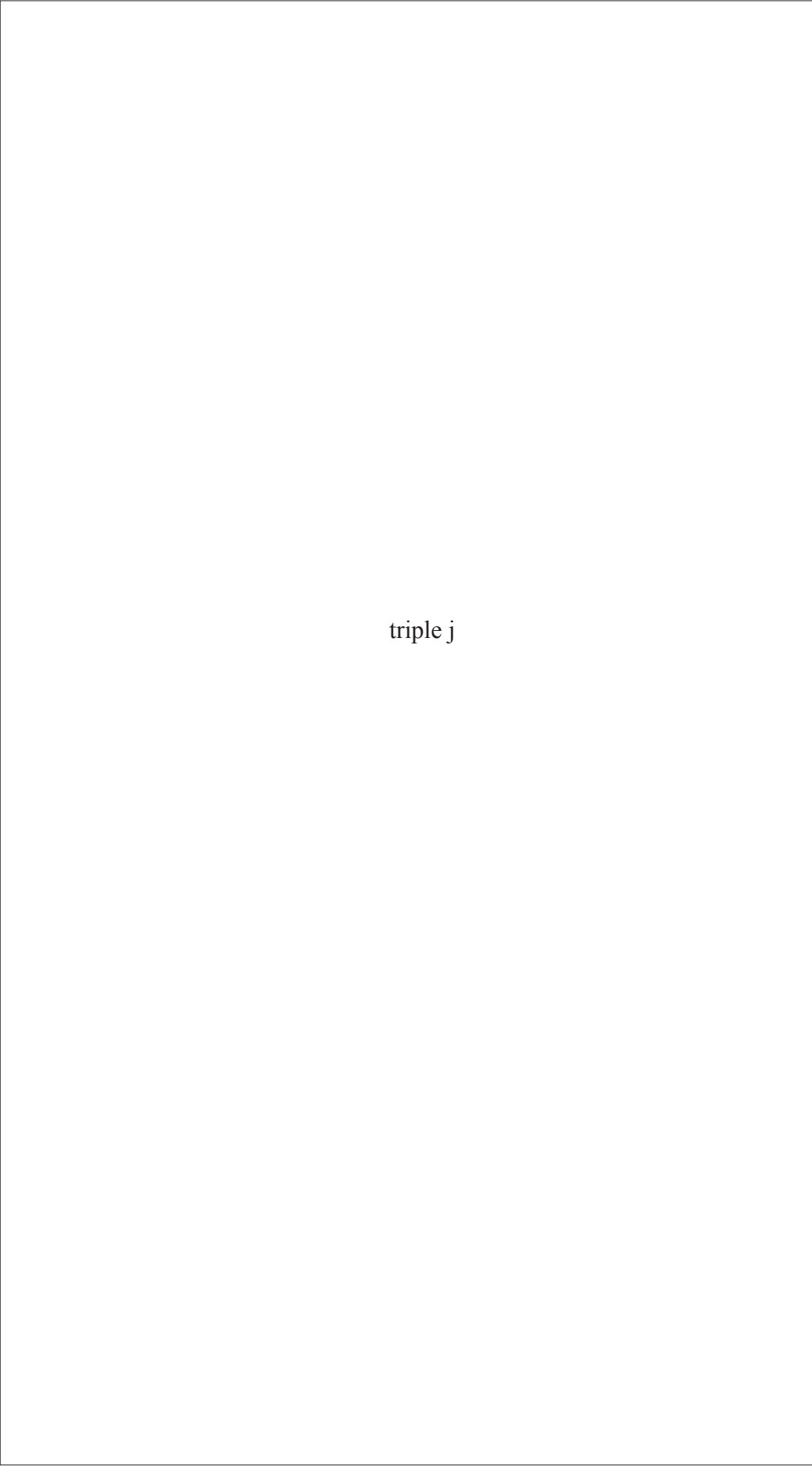
One, avoid dusty bottles; there is probably a reason they haven't sold. Two, check the alcohol level: lower is better.

And three, at all costs, avoid cheesy-looking labels. "Too much shiny stuff" on the label is a dead giveaway that the wine won't deliver, Cossette says. "You can feel the marketing."

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# The Good Life

## Keeping your cool with home-made limoncello

By **CHARLES PERRY**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

On a breathless evening when all the plants are fainting and you've had a hard day, you pour a tiny glass of limoncello straight from the freezer. It's colder than ice, and it explodes in your mouth with all the freshness and optimism of lemon. Each sip seems to say, "Poor kid! Poor kid! But everything's all right now—your old friend night is on the way."

They know a lot about hot evenings in Sicily, where limoncello was invented about 100 years ago. It might just be the most sympathetic after-dinner drink there is, as bracing as a gin and tonic but more cheerful and fragrant. Limoncello's fans have found a lot of other uses for it too: spiking lemonade, flavoring cocktails and splashing onto ice cream, poundcake or fresh fruit.

Admittedly, the very best limoncello is made in Sicily. But you can make excellent limoncello at home.

Why do it? Because although there's been a proliferation of imported brands, the quality is really all over the map, and many commercial limoncellos are too sweet. When you make your own, you can use the best citrus available and control the sugar to your taste. And it's nice to be able to offer your guests a liqueur you've made yourself.

On top of that, you've saved money. Imported limoncellos run about \$25 a bottle, but for around \$35 you can make the equivalent of nearly three bottles, just for the trouble of zesting a dozen lemons, boiling some sugar and water for a couple of minutes and waiting three weeks while it all infuses.

In Sicily, the Sorrento lemon is pre-

ferred for making limoncello. Also known as Femminello Saint Teresa, the Sorrento has a zest particularly high in lemon oils. But if you can't get such luxurious lemons in your neighborhood, ordinary supermarket Eureka lemons are not bad at all. In fact, we tasted our homemade limoncello—made with Eureka—against a well-known Sicilian brand, and frankly, we preferred its bright, lemony flavor (although the Sicilian had a deeper yellow color). Choose lemons with thick, waxy skins, which seem to have the best lemon oil content.

You can also make similar liqueurs using other citrus fruits. "Lime-cello" is wonderfully flavorful and would be terrific in cocktails and cooking. The orange version is more appealing than triple sec. In winter, there are still more citrus fruits to choose from, such as mandarins, blood oranges, Meyer lemons and citrons, which would make good liqueurs, particularly the fabulously aromatic Buddha's hand citron.

If you use grapefruit or tangelo, you'll get a different sort of liqueur—a bitter one along the lines of Campari. Grapefruit, tangelo and their common ancestor, pummelo, contain substantial amounts of nootkatone, the chemical that gives grapefruit juice its refreshing bitterness along with its characteristic flavor.

The traditional way of making limoncello is to slice off the topmost layer of lemon peel, avoiding the bitter white pith as much as possible. If there is any pith on a slice, scrape it off with a knife or spoon. An extremely sharp vegetable peeler works best.

Once you have your lemon zest or peel, steep it for a couple of weeks



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A wonderfully fresh-tasting version of the popular liqueur limoncello can be made with lemons and vodka. Or try lime or orange variations.

in vodka. You can tell that the flavoring elements have been thoroughly leached out when the peels have lost their color. Add sugar syrup (more or less, depending on how sweet you like it) and more alcohol to make a liqueur. The flavor will improve over the next week or two.

Because the aromatic elements are leached from the lemon peel by alcohol, you might think the higher the proof of the vodka, the better, and the very best thing might be 195 proof (Everclear). Up to a point, that seems to be true, but I notice that European recipes don't call for pure alcohol. They generally specify equal quantities of pure alcohol and water: 100-proof vodka, in effect.

Using 100-proof Smirnoff 57, the usual recipe will give you a limoncello with the same alcoholic content as commercial varieties: 60 proof. If you use the more common 80-proof vodka, on the other hand, you'll have to steep the peels longer to get as much flavor out of them, and the recipe will give you a 50-proof limoncello.

Limoncello is usually kept in the freezer, where the temperature is commonly 5 degrees. To prevent the bottle from exploding, it should never be filled to the brim, but room should be left for expansion. In the case of 50-proof limoncello, you may see some of the water freeze and form ice crystals on the walls of the bottle. The part that remains liquid will be closer to 60 proof. A bottle of 60-proof limoncello will not show any freezing of this sort unless the temperature falls below 0 Fahrenheit.

Either way, you've made your own bottle of that friendly, sunny-colored liqueur—and you even have a couple of extras for friends.

## A breakfast drink that lasts through the day

By **BARBARA HANSEN**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A friend just came back from a stay at La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif., raving about the tropical eye-opener, a light, fruity blender drink served at Legends Restaurant and the Spa Cafe. He ordered one for breakfast and happily sipped away as his wife and kids ate eggs and bacon. Not only was it delicious, he said, but it sustained him through the day.

1 ripe banana, cut into pieces  
3/4 cup fresh or frozen mango, cubed  
1/4 cup canned light coconut milk  
2 tablespoons pineapple juice  
1 cup ice cubes  
1 sprig mint

Combine the banana, mango, coconut milk, pineapple juice and ice cubes in a blender container and blend until frothy. Pour into a 12-to-16-ounce glass, add a straw and decorate with a sprig of fresh mint. Serves one.

La Costa's tropical eye-opener.

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## Thrilling chiller

By **BARBARA HANSEN**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Mary Sue Milliken and Susan Feniger's downtown restaurant Ciudad is not far from the Los Angeles Times, and it's a favorite of Times Food section staffers. We all love this signature drink, which is also served at the partners' sister restaurant, Border Grill in Santa Monica, Calif. It's great with Asian dishes as well as pan-Latin flavors.

### MINTY LIME COOLER

1 cup freshly squeezed lime juice  
1/4 packed cup mint leaves  
1/3 cup sugar, or more to taste  
16 ounces (2 cups) club soda  
4 mint sprigs  
4 lime wedges

1. Blend the lime juice and mint in a blender until the mint is finely chopped. Remove from the blender and stir in the sugar.

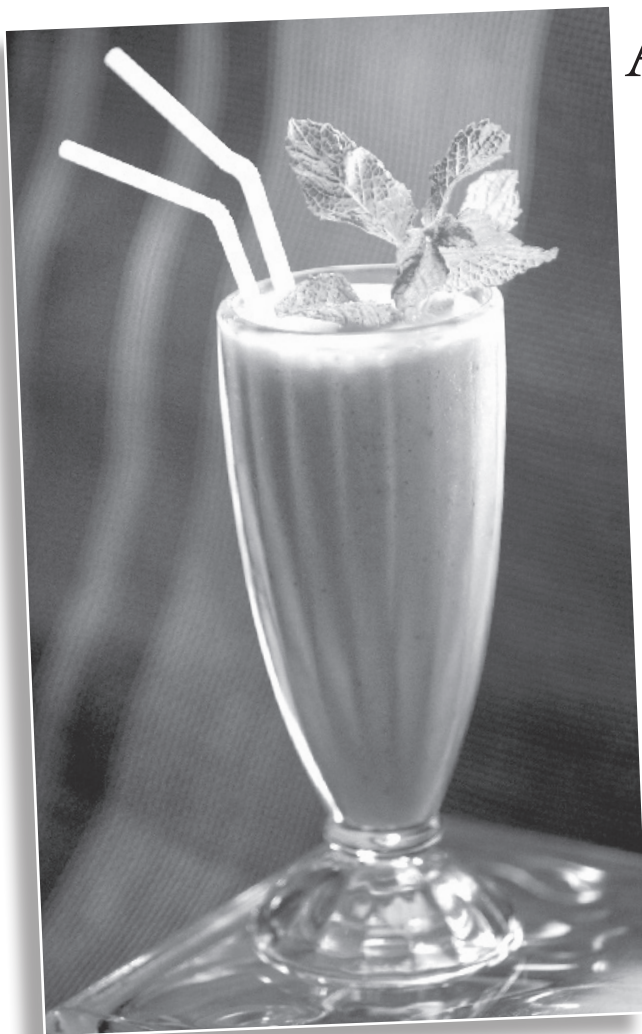
2. Add ice to a tall 12-ounce glass. Add one-quarter cup lime-mint mixture and one-half cup club soda to each glass. Stir to combine. Garnish with fresh mint and a lime wedge. Serves 4.



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Minty lime cooler.

Each serving: 82 calories; 0 protein; 22 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 0 fat; 0 saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 25 milligrams sodium.

















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## United States

## AP poll: Bush holds slight lead on Kerry

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush opens the fall campaign with a slight lead over Democratic Sen. John Kerry, an Associated Press poll shows, as voters express growing confidence in the direction of the country and the performance of the incumbent.

Seven weeks before Election Day, the Republican is considered significantly more decisive, strong and likable than Kerry, and he has strengthened his position on virtually every issue important to voters, from the war in Iraq and creating jobs—two sources of criticism—to matters of national security and values.

## Bill Clinton returns home after surgery

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP)—Former President Bill Clinton left the hospital and returned home Friday, four days after undergoing heart bypass surgery, his office said.

Clinton arrived early Friday evening at his home in the New York suburb of Chappaqua, according to his spokesman, Jim Kennedy.

"The President is in good spirits and has taken short walks in the hospital hallway and in his home today," Kennedy said in a prepared statement.

The 58-year-old Democrat was taken off his respirator and placed in an intensive care unit on Monday. On Wednesday, he was moved back to his hospital room, where he walked with assistance, sat in his bed and sat up in his chair.

Clinton had planned to campaign for John Kerry, the Democratic nominee for president, but the recovery from surgery will take him off the stump for now, with just eight weeks left until the election. It was not immediately clear how soon he could return to the campaign trail.

In recent days, Clinton has been inundated with thousands of well-wishes and flowers, his foundation has said.

"We appreciate more than words can say all the good wishes and messages of concern that we received during this difficult time in our lives," Clinton, his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and their daughter Chelsea said Friday in a statement relayed through the family's spokesman.

"We feel blessed to have such support, and it will continue to sustain us throughout the months of recuperation that remain ahead," they said.

Since the Democratic National Convention ended in late July, the president has erased any gains Kerry had achieved while reshaping the political landscape in his favor: Nearly two-thirds of voters think protecting the country is more important than creating jobs, and Bush is favored over Kerry by a whopping 23 percentage points on who would keep the United States safe.

"If we don't take care of the terrorists, we certainly won't have to worry about the economy," said Janet Cross, 57, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who switched from Democrat to Republican for the last election.

Among those most likely to vote, the Republican ticket of Bush and Vice President Dick

Cheney holds a lead of 51 percent to 46 percent over Kerry and Sen. John Edwards, with independent Ralph Nader receiving 1 percent.

The AP-Ipsos-Public Affairs poll showed minorities, urban residents and other Democratic voters unified behind Kerry, as would be expected in the fall. But he lost ground in virtually every other demographic group: lower educated voters, suburbanites, rural voters, the middle class, married couples and baby boomers.

Many voters seemed to be retreating to Bush's camp after flirting with the Democrat, whose nominating convention was heavily focused on his Vietnam War record. For example, those in the GOP-leaning

South narrowly favored Kerry in early August but now support Bush 58 percent to 38 percent. Married men slightly favored Bush last month but now back the president 2-to-1.

Among all registered voters, Bush-Cheney led the Democratic ticket 51 percent to 43 percent, a modest bounce in support since early August, when Kerry-Edwards led 48-45 percent.

The reversal is the result of a month of GOP-inspired criticism of Kerry's war record combined with a Republican National Convention scripted to undercut the Democrat's credibility and cast Bush as a steady commander in chief, said strategists in both campaigns.

"There's something I don't

like about Kerry—too wishy-washy," said Don Dooley, a 54-year-old conservative Democrat from Grand Prairie, Texas, who is leaning toward Bush. "George is not the ideal kind of person, but at least he's more predictable than Kerry."

The question now is whether Bush's gains are as temporary as they were for Kerry—or the first sign of a fundamental shift in the race.

"I don't know if we know that yet," said Bush strategist Matthew Dowd, "but I think there's beginning to be some permanence to it." He said the president could settle into a lead of 3 or 4 percentage points, which could only be upset by a major event, such as the presidential debates.

Democrats predicted the race will be even in the next week or two, especially in the dozen or so states where the election will be decided.

"They had a convention and got a bounce just like we had a convention and got a bounce," said Kerry pollster Mark Mellman. He said Bush's gains were already eroding, pointing to polls taken during and after the convention that gave the president a double-digit lead.

For the first time since Kerry wrapped up the nomination, the AP-Ipsos poll suggests that a majority of voters approve of the president's job performance—52 percent. The lifts him out of the danger zone for incumbents.



The twin towers of the World Trade Center burn behind New York's Empire State Building in this Sept. 11, 2001 file photo.

## Kin to honor 9/11 victims on anniversary

NEW YORK (AP)—Last year, children's voices echoed across ground zero. This year, it is the bereaved parents and grandparents of World Trade Center victims who will read aloud the names of those lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

Three years to the minute that terrorists flew the first plane into the twin towers, a moment of silence will be held at 8:46 a.m. Saturday to begin the ceremony at ground zero. Then, in what has become an anniversary tradition, the names of the 2,749 trade center victims will be recited, with pauses for three more moments of silence—at 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m.—to mark when the second plane struck

and each tower collapsed. The day of remembrance will end with twin beams of light soaring into the night sky.

At the Pentagon, officials will lay a wreath and observe a moment of silence. And in Pennsylvania, bells will toll across the state at the minute the fourth plane went down.

Nationwide, communities will observe Sept. 11 in their own ways, with services at firehouses, memorial dedications, the tolling of bells, and flag ceremonies. In Springfield, Mo., a garden will be dedicated to 9/11 victims, and in New Mexico, residents plan to gather at an Albuquerque church where two trade

center beams are on display.

After last year's heartbreaking reading by children who lost loved ones, this year's list of the dead will be read at ground zero by parents and grandparents of victims. Some will also read poems or passages. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, his predecessor Rudolph Giuliani, New York Gov. George Pataki and New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey are also scheduled to participate.

Nancy Brandemarti, who has never attended the ground zero remembrance, will read a poem for her son, Nicky Brandemarti, a financial analyst who worked in the south tower. He would have turned 25 this month.

## Few apply for Medicare drug coverage

WASHINGTON (AP)—Far from the expected deluge, relatively few patients with cancer and other serious illnesses have applied for generous early Medicare prescription drug coverage.

The Bush administration was planning a lottery to determine who would get the 50,000 slots included in last year's Medicare prescription drug law. Instead, just 6,364 people have applied for the head start on drug insurance for costly cancer medicines taken orally and self-injectable drugs for multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases.

The Medicare Web site now advises: "There are still many enrollment slots available!"

Patient advocates and physicians blame the low enrollment on several problems: The government scared off some people by using the term lottery and hasn't publicized the program enough. In addition, it came up with an intimidating application for people with debilitating, life-threatening illnesses.

Complaints about complexity

also have been raised regarding the Medicare discount drug card program, where enrollment also has fallen short of expectations.

The experience so far is a cautionary tale for the new full-blown Medicare prescription drug benefit scheduled to begin in 2006. Advocates, health-care analysts and even government officials expect that will be even harder to sort out.

"Maybe all of us were overly optimistic about how eager the consumer would be to get into the program," said Nancy Davenport-Ennis, chief executive of the not-for-profit Patient Advocate Foundation, which says it has helped obtain early coverage for 324 people.

The administration had expected tens of thousands of people like 81-year-old Helen Curtis to step forward when it unveiled the new program in June. While many cancer drugs administered in doctors' offices already are covered under Medicare, costly newer oral medicines and most drugs for other illnesses are not.

## Hurricane prompts Florida Keys evacuation

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—In an all-too-familiar drill, Floridians got out of town or boarded up their windows and stocked up on canned food Friday as Hurricane Ivan threatened the state with its third thrashing in a month.

Business owners in the Florida Keys faced another bad weekend as tourists and residents fleeing the storm crowded the lone highway that leads to the mainland.

Around the state, meanwhile, more than three-quarters of a million victims of last week-end's Hurricane Frances were still without electricity in the almost 90-degree heat and high humidity, and thousands had to cope with sewage backups in Palm Beach County.

Ivan is expected to arrive in the Keys on Monday, exactly a month after Hurricane Charley ripped across the state from the west. Fatigued residents covered windows with shutters and plywood.

"First it was Charley, then Frances, and it's like, 'Oh, please leave us alone. No more storms,'" Ruth Naset said as she closed her family's business on Duval Street, Key West's main drag.

Together, Charley and Frances killed at least 50 people in Florida and caused up to \$20 billion in damage, making this season the state's worst since 1992. Florida has not been hit by three hurricanes in a single season since 1964.



# Across the Globe

## Ivan lashes Jamaica, death toll hits 37

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**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)**—Waves two-stories high crashed on Jamaica's eastern shore Friday, flooding homes and washing away roads as Hurricane Ivan's ferocious winds and pounding rains began to lash the island and threatened a direct hit on its densely populated capital. The death toll elsewhere in the Caribbean rose to 37.

Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson declared a public emergency and pleaded with the half million people considered in danger—about one in five islanders—to get to shelters. Many residents, however, refused to leave, fearing their homes would be robbed if abandoned.

"I'm not saying I'm not afraid for my life but we've got to stay here and protect our things," said Lorna Brown, 49, pointing to a stove, television, cooking utensils and large bed crowded into a one-room concrete home on the beach at Montego Bay.

Cuba declared a hurricane watch across the entire island Friday after its leader, Fidel Castro, went on national television warning residents to brace themselves. "Whatever the hurricane does, we will all work together" to rebuild, he said.

In South Florida, long lines reappeared at gas stations and shoppers



A Jamaican man jumps as he crosses a street flooded by the first rains of Hurricane Ivan, which is approaching Kingston, Jamaica, Friday, Sept. 10, 2004.

AP

swarmed home building stores and supermarkets. Forecasters said Ivan could tear through the Keys as early as Monday though there was still a chance the storm would instead move out into the Gulf of Mexico.

Farther south, in areas already struck by Ivan, authorities discovered more bodies along Venezuela's flooded coast and in devastated Grenada, where the

U.S. State Department was arranging for the evacuations of all Americans who wish to leave the island.

"When dogs interfere with garbage bags and strew the contents all over the place—that's what Grenada looks like," Trinidadian leader Patrick Manning said after visiting the island.

In Jamaica, awed onlookers stood transfixed on the seaside Palisades

Highway near Kingston's airport as 23-foot waves crashed to shore, thrusting rocks and dead tree branches more than 100 feet into the road.

"I've lived here all my life and I've never seen anything like this," said businessman Chester Pinnock, huddled under an umbrella in the drenching rain, which started here Friday morning.

"This is going to be disastrous, we

could have hundreds dead. Hurricane Gilbert was a puppy compared to this," he said. Gilbert killed dozens of Jamaicans and devastated the island when it struck as a Category 3 storm in 1988.

Ivan, a Category 4 hurricane—out of a top scale of 5—packed winds of 145 mph and could strengthen before fully striking the 145-mile-long island late Friday or early Saturday, meteorologists said. They warned of "life-threatening" flash floods and mudslides.

"What we're experiencing now is only the beginning," Jamaica's prime minister said in an address to the nation. "Residents living near coastal areas must evacuate before it's too late. ... I cannot stress too strongly that Ivan is a dangerous hurricane."

But only about 1,200 people had moved into shelters around Kingston by Friday afternoon, said emergency management director Barbara Carby.

Only 3,800 people had fled low-lying areas of Montego Bay, a resort town of 35,000 where many tourists were stranded, disaster agency official Faye Headley said. She said 350 were in shelters Friday afternoon.

In town, the Barnett River overflowed its banks, putting some businesses on Bouge Street four feet under water and, farther inland, flooding roads and farmlands. Drenching rain washed away the main northern coastal road, the A1, a couple of miles outside Montego Bay.

## Philippines calls for regional intel sharing

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippines on Friday urged Southeast Asian countries to step up intelligence and information sharing, saying a deadly bombing in Indonesia shows the terrorist threat continues.

"We may have continued to score big against terrorists, but the attack at the Australian Embassy in Indonesia's capital clearly indicates that the challenge is indeed far from over," presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

"There is need to further strengthen intelligence and information-sharing across our regional neighborhood," he said.

Indonesian authorities have vowed to hunt down suspected Muslim militants behind Thursday's blast, which killed nine people and wounded 173.

In a statement posted on an Islamic Web site, the al-Qaida-linked Southeast Asian terror group Jemaah Islamiyah purportedly claimed responsibility, saying it

was punishing Australia for supporting the war in Iraq.

Philippine troops and police went on full alert after the blast amid fears of terrorism linked to the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza, commander of military troops in metropolitan Manila, said soldiers have augmented police guarding eight embassies—including the United States, Canadian, Japanese and European Union missions—as well as the homes of three ambassadors who requested added security. The Australian Embassy is being guarded by a police security task force.

In a statement, Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce said security measures and procedures were further strengthened at the embassy following the blast in Jakarta with security personnel at the building housing the mission "exercising extra vigilance." She did not elaborate.

## US troops lay siege to Iraqi city

By MARIAM FAM  
AP WRITER

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)**—U.S. troops handed over medical supplies to Iraqi relief workers Friday amid a siege of a northeastern ethnic Turkish city where Iraqi and American forces are trying to root out hundreds of militants.

Despite criticism from Turkey and Shiite leaders, U.S. commanders insisted they will maintain their blockade of Tal Afar for as long as it takes to subdue what they said were foreign fighters holed up there. The campaign was part of a recently launched American effort to restore government authority to lawless areas of the country—either through negotiation or by force.

"We are going to apply the necessary pressure to make sure that we are able to root out the enemy," said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, spokesman for the Army's Task Force Olympia. "How long

it takes is really dependent on them."

But the siege of Tal Afar, which the Americans describe as a hub for militants smuggling fighters and arms from Syria, was criticized from within and outside Iraq.

A leading Shiite Muslim cleric, Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, said the Americans' use of heavy force in the city caused "catastrophes" that could have been avoided if Iraqis were in charge of security. The Americans have said they were fighting "a large terrorist organization."

"Since the first day after (Saddam Hussein's) regime collapsed, Tal Afar had terrorist groups, and this is not new," al-Hakim told The Associated Press on Friday. "The new thing is that the military operations are huge."

Al-Hakim leads the biggest Shiite political party in Iraq and is close to Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Turkey also said the United States should end its military operations in Tal Afar quickly, saying the attacks have caused casualties among the mostly ethnic Turks living there.

Turkey has asked U.S. officials "not to harm the civilian population and avoid using excessive and non-selective force," Foreign Ministry spokesman Namik Tan said, according to the semiofficial Anatolia news agency.

In Baghdad's sprawling Sadr City slum, meanwhile, fighting resumed between U.S. forces and militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, wounding seven Iraqis, hospital officials said.

Al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army fighters fired rocket-propelled grenades and bullets at U.S. patrols, which immediately returned fire, said Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team. There were no American casualties, he said.

## RP twins should be walking by X'mas

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Carl and Clarence Aguirre, the 2-year-old twins from the Philippines who were joined at the head until five weeks ago, should be walking by December's Christmas holiday, their pediatrician says.

"That's the promise I made to their mother, and it's looking good," Dr. Robert Marion said Thursday. "It could be Halloween (end of October), the way things are going."

Marion visited with the boys as they returned to the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in

the Bronx for a checkup. They were separated there Aug. 4, but were later moved to Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla for physical therapy and other care designed to catch them up to normal development.

Marion said the boys have shown no neurological impairments from the operation and vital signs are fine.

Their mother, Arlene Aguirre, who brought them to New York from the Philippines a year ago, said the boys were "much better now because they're very active."

## Putin OKs probe of deadly school siege

**MOSCOW (AP)**—President Vladimir Putin agreed Friday to a parliamentary investigation of the bloody school hostage siege in southern Russia, less than a week after he reportedly dismissed the idea by saying it might turn into "a political show."

The move by Putin seeks to deflect criticism after he had earlier ruled out a public probe of the standoff in Beslan, which the government has blamed on Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev.

Russian officials have also repeatedly have cast the military campaign in

Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday that it was too soon to say whether al-Qaida played any role in the school attack, but he said there was an "absolutely" a connection between rebels in Chechnya and the terror network.

"I mean, they've been trained in the same training camps in Afghanistan," he said at the National Press Club in Washington. "So there's no question but that there's a linkage between the Chechen

terrorists and al-Qaida. But I can't say that about this event because the investigation's just in its early stages."

In a meeting shown prominently on state-run television, the lawmaker who heads Russia's upper house of parliament, Sergei Mironov, told Putin the Federation Council would aim to form an investigative commission.

Putin agreed, telling Mironov in the Kremlin meeting that "we are thoroughly interested in receiving a complete, objective picture of the tragic events connected with the seizure of the hostages."



## Life & Style

# Prince William not sure about joining army

Prince William would want to fight on the front line if he were in the British army, but he is not sure whether he will sign up after graduating from a university, he told British media.

William, who is in his final year of geography studies at Scotland's St. Andrew's University, said he was not sure what he would do when he finished studying, but he had considered joining the military.

The eldest son of Prince Charles said he might follow in the footsteps of his younger brother Harry, who will enroll at Sandhurst military academy next year.

The prince said being second in line to the throne would present problems if his unit was sent into action, but he would not want to be held back.

"The last thing I want to do is be mollycoddled or wrapped up in cotton wool because if I was to join the army I'd want to go where my men went and I'd want to do what they did," William said in an interview with Britain's Press Association and the British Broadcasting Corp. that was published and televised Friday.

"I would not want to be kept back for being precious, or whatever. That's the last thing I'd want."

The prince, who is off limits to the British press when on campus at St. Andrews, described how he was reveling in leading a normal life out of the public eye.

"I've spent 22 years being in the spotlight. You don't really know much different, but I value the normality I can get, do-

ing simple things, doing normal things," he said.

He spoke of drinking vodka shots at 9:30 a.m. as part of a university antic and being stopped in a street by a lady who, apparently not recognizing him, asked if he knew a good place to buy underwear.

Despite a recent public appearance attending a Remembrance Sunday service with his father, William said he would not rush into public duties.

"It's not that I never want to do it, it's just that I'm reluctant at such a young age, I think anyway, to throw myself into the deep end," he said.

But he said he did plan to work with AIDS charities in Africa—a cause closely associated with his late mother, Prince Diana. (AP)

## Help lines hear Thanksgiving horror tales

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Concerned about cooking that Thanksgiving turkey? Just keep in mind that if you don't slice the bird with a chain saw, stomp on it to make it fit in a pan or lose it in a snow-drift, you'll already be doing better than some other Americans.

Cooks who have questions about how to prepare the seasonal feast have long been able to call help lines, offered by turkey producers, schools or others looking to provide assistance. But sometimes, the turkey traumas on Thanksgiving have even the experts stumped.

Mary Clingman serves as director of the Butterball Turkey Talk Line in Downers Grove, Ill. It expects to take more than 100,000 inquiries through Christmas.

Some past callers stand out.

"We got a call from a guy last year whose turkey wouldn't fit in his pan. He wrapped it in a towel and stomped on it until it did," Clingman said.

Another caller cut a turkey in half with a chain saw, then worried that oil on the saw might have transferred onto the turkey. A woman in Colorado who left her turkey outside to keep it frozen realized she couldn't find it when more snow fell.

And one phone call began: "You don't know anything about kitty litter, do you?"

Clingman said a woman called after her husband poured kitty litter on the bottom of a new grill in hopes of absorbing drippings. Fortunately, the grill hadn't been lit yet, so the turkey

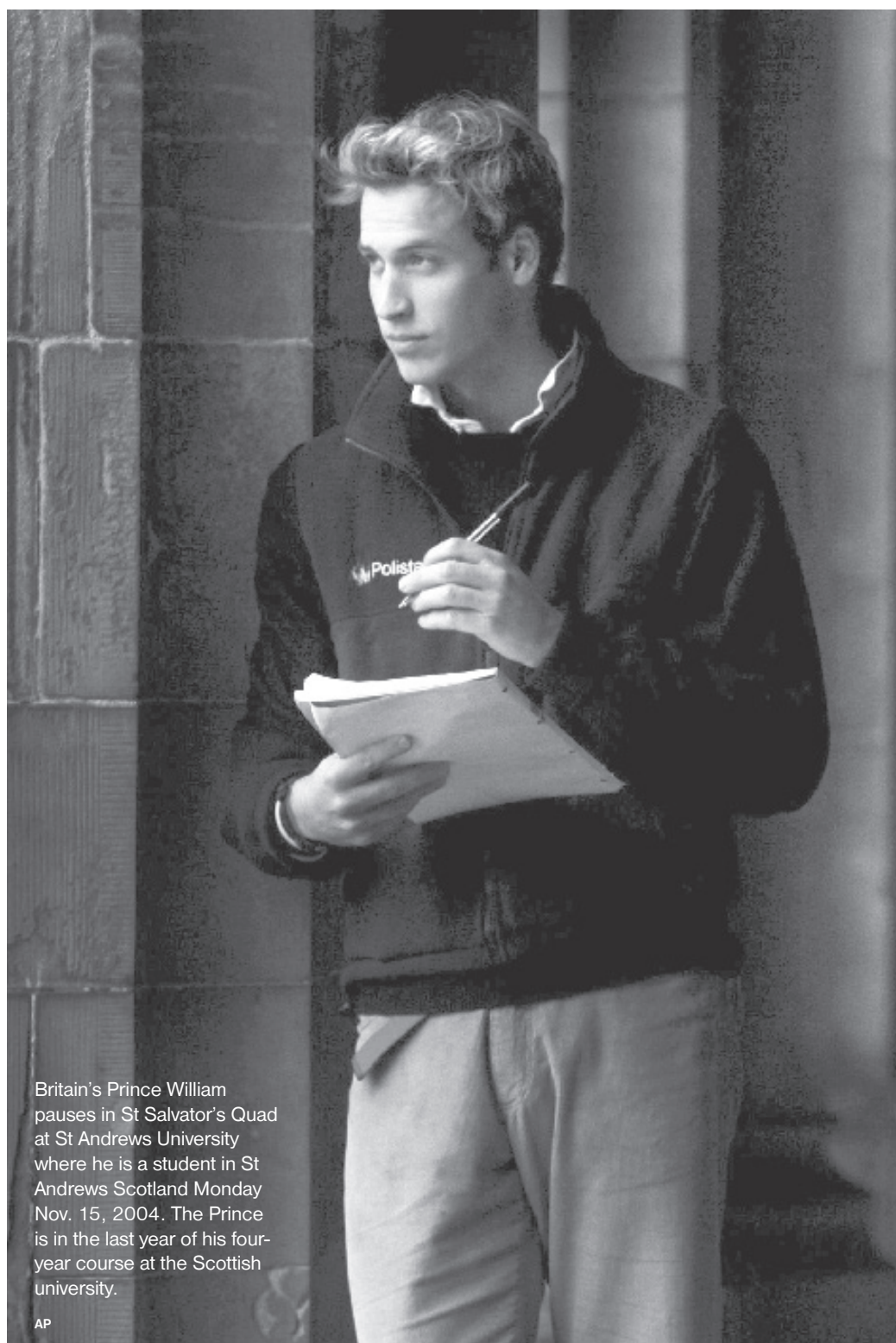
was pulled off and cooked more conventionally, she said.

Kathy Bernard with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline in Beltsville, Md., said a caller last year wanted to make her bird inside a roasting bag, but didn't have one, so had improvised.

"She pulled a dry cleaning bag off her husband's suit, and it melted onto the bird," Bernard said.

Chris Whaley, a spokeswoman for Perdue in Salisbury, Md., said people should keep in mind that the Thanksgiving meal can be as simple or as complicated as they'd like it to be.

"I do believe it's reassuring to know not everyone's done it perfectly over the years," she said.



Britain's Prince William pauses in St Salvator's Quad at St Andrews University where he is a student in St Andrews Scotland Monday Nov. 15, 2004. The Prince is in the last year of his four-year course at the Scottish university.

AP

## Stern blasts FCC at satellite promotion

NEW YORK (AP)—Howard Stern, surrounded by strippers and cheered by thousands of fans, began promoting his switch to satellite radio Thursday at a rally where he handed out free boom boxes and satellite subscriptions.

"Down with the FCC!" the shock jock told a legion of sign-waving backers. "They have ruined commercial broadcasting."

The fans agreed, screaming "Howard rules!" as their hero

addressed the overflow crowd. Stern supporters spilled into the streets surrounding Manhattan's Union Square, stopping noontime traffic throughout the neighborhood.

"Most people think it, but don't say it," said Stern fan Peter Frankel, the 50-year-old president of a suburban janitorial company, as he walked off with a free Sirius boom box. "Howard Stern says it. It's healthy for society."

Across the square on Fifth

Avenue, the culture war took on another slant, with fans of the rival satellite radio XM staging their own rally, hoisting placards touting the shock jock antics of its "Opie & Anthony" radio team.

Stern will be able to say anything he wants once he starts at Sirius Satellite Radio, which is free of Federal Communications Commission restrictions. Stern has battled for years with the FCC over the content of his salacious show.

gold-painted dancing girl," the complaint said.

An attorney for Jackson, Brian Oxman, said he had not reviewed the complaint. "Like other proceedings involving Michael Jackson, we'll look at it carefully and deal with it in a professional manner," Oxman said.

## Store says Michael Jackson didn't pay bill

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An antiques and furniture store has sued pop star Michael Jackson for allegedly failing to pay a nearly \$180,000 bill.

Kamad Enterprise, which owns Mayfair Gallery, claimed Jackson owes \$178,875 of the \$378,875 in merchandise he allegedly pur-

chased in May, according to a complaint filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Mayfair Gallery sells mostly 19th-century European furniture.

Jackson bought 20 items, including a malachite urn, a Louis XVI-style bust clock, silver bread holder and an "Austrian

## Clinton rips Starr, media on prosecution

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—In a prime-time television outburst, Bill Clinton ripped old nemesis Kenneth Starr and what the former president portrayed as a gullible media eager to report every "sleazy thing" leaked from a prosecutor bent on bringing him down.

The exchange came in an interview with ABC news anchor Peter Jennings that aired Thursday night, hours after Clinton opened his \$165 million presidential library. Clinton blasted Starr and spoke disdainfully of a national media that he suggested was complicit in a scheme to ruin his presidency.

"No other president ever had to endure someone like Ken Starr," Clinton said. "No one ever had to try to save people from ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, and people in Haiti from a military dictator that was murdering them, and all the other problems

I dealt with, while every day an entire apparatus was devoted to destroying him."

The former president said he would go to his grave at peace that, while he had personal failings, he never lied to the American people about his job as president.

Clinton added that he doesn't care about what his detractors think about him. Jennings then said it seemed to him that Clinton did care.

The former president responded, "You don't want to go here, Peter. You don't want to go here. Not after what you people did and the way you, your network, what you did with Kenneth Starr. The way your people repeated every, little sleazy thing he leaked. No one has any idea what that's like."

"You never had to live in a time when people you knew and cared about were being indicted,

ed, carted off to jail, bankrupted, ruined, because they were Democrats and because they would not lie," he said. "So, I think we showed a lot of moral fiber to stand up to that. To stand up to these constant investigations, to this constant bodyguard of lies, this avalanche that was thrown at all of us. And, yes, I failed once. And I sure paid for it. And I'm sorry. I'm sorry for the American people. And I'm sorry for the embarrassment they performed."

Starr's former chief deputy said Friday he understood the difficulty for Clinton, but added that the bipartisan staff did what they had to do and performed honorably in seeking the truth.

"It's not easy being accused of things. We had allegations and we had to investigate them," Hickman Ewing said. "We believe we performed in an honorable manner."



# OutKast top winner at MTV Europe Awards

ROME (AP)—OutKast topped the winners list at the MTV Europe Music Awards, picking up three prizes, including best group. The hip-hop stars from Atlanta also won best video and song for “Hey Ya!”

“I hope you don’t get tired of us. We only do what we do,” said OutKast’s Andre 3000 while thanking the crowd of about 6,000 Thursday at the Tor di Valle hippodrome.

Winners also included

Usher, best album for “Confessions” and best male; Alicia Keys, best R&B; Britney Spears, best female; Black Eyed Peas, best pop; and Linkin Park, best rock.

The ceremony featured performances by Usher and Keys, Eminem, Scottish rockers Franz Ferdinand, Swedish punk band The Hives and Gwen Stefani.

Eminem kicked off the show with “Just Lose It,” from his new album, “Encore.” The De-

troit rapper appeared against a backdrop of a camouflaged tank, drummer boys and children dressed as soldiers.

Stefani was lowered onto the stage under a giant red clock in an Alice in Wonderland costume where she danced on top of a table at a set of the Mad Hatter’s tea party.

Hip-hop star Nelly was flanked by four dancing girls clad in bejeweled bikinis and feathered headdresses, while

The Beastie Boys rode onstage on bicycles and a skateboard.

Rapper Xzibit, the host of the show, was rolled onto the stage on a chariot by aides dressed in black leather gladiator costumes in front of a row of fake Roman columns.

Xzibit said that the event was broadcast to a potential audience of 1 billion people in 156 countries. More than 12 million people cast votes for the awards, he said.

# Lionel Richie’s former wife linked to doc

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An Argentine doctor accused of using the home of singer Lionel Richie’s former wife to inject clients with anti-wrinkle chemicals not approved by the Food and Drug Administration has been ordered held without bail.

A federal magistrate said Daniel Tomas Fuente Serrano, who faces four counts involving the injections, was a flight risk.

Diane Keri Richie, who was

charged with two counts of aiding and abetting Serrano, was released on \$25,000 bail this week after spending one night in jail.

Prosecutors said Serrano wasn’t licensed to practice in the United States and charged thousands of dollars for injections of Artecoll or Metacrilil at private homes in Beverly Hills.

Serrano’s clients included Diane and Lionel Richie, and

Shawn King, the wife of CNN talk-show host Larry King, according to court papers.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Johns said during a bail hearing Thursday that authorities had searched three safe deposit boxes belonging to Diane Richie and Serrano that contained more than \$1.1 million in cash, as well as jewelry and syringes.

Serrano’s lawyer, Edmundo Espinoza, countered that au-

thorities haven’t proven that the injections were of either Artecoll or Metacrilil.

Diane Richie filed for separation in October 2003 and divorce in January, citing irreconcilable differences. In March, she asked for \$300,000 a month in child and spousal support to support the “extraordinary extravagant lifestyle” the couple had during their nearly seven years of marriage.

## Seinfeld’s puffy shirt joins Smithsonian

WASHINGTON (AP)—Move over, ruby slippers. That puffy shirt’s moving in. The outlandishly unfashionable shirt worn by Jerry Seinfeld on his hit TV show went on display Friday at the Smithsonian, alongside Kermit the Frog, Archie Bunker’s chair and Dorothy’s magic slippers from “The Wizard of Oz.”

At the end of its nine-season run, “Seinfeld”—the “show about nothing”—left lots of well-loved lines but few tangible relics suitable for enshrinement in the National Museum of American History.

Thus, The Puffy Shirt, which appeared briefly in a single episode. What makes that bit of wardrobe so memorable is that it serves as an icon, not only of “Seinfeld” but American popular culture.

“It looks funny and it sounds funny, and that’s a good combination for a joke,” Seinfeld told The Washington Post at a donation ceremony Thursday night. Before the puffy shirt episode aired in 1993, Seinfeld said, he had no idea it would become a classic.

On the air from 1989 until 1998, “Seinfeld” won 10 Emmy Awards and was TV Guide magazine’s pick for the greatest show of all time.

In episode No. 66, comedian Jerry nods politely even though he can’t make out what his pal Kramer’s girlfriend is asking—she’s a “low talker.” Later to his horror, he learns he’s agreed to wear the goofy, puffy shirt she designed when he appears on the “Today” show.

The white shirt, looking like a pirate’s ruffled nightmare, was designed in real life by the show’s costumer, Charmaine Simmons.

“This might be the first joke inducted into the Smithsonian Institution,” Seinfeld noted.

## Tim Allen gets Hollywood walk star



AP

Actors Jamie Lee Curtis, left, and Tim Allen, co-stars of the upcoming film “Christmas with the Kranks,” pose for a photo during a ceremony honoring Allen with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

## Actor Vincent D’Onofrio out of hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Law & Order: Criminal Intent” star Vincent D’Onofrio was released from a New York hospital Friday after a diagnosis of exhaustion, a spokeswoman said.

D’Onofrio, 45, who stars in the NBC drama as police Detective Robert Goren, had faint-

ed on two occasions this month.

He was resting at home in New York and was expected to return to work next week, series spokeswoman Pam Ruben Golum said.

The actor fainted Nov. 10 and was hospitalized after rehearsing a strenuous scene that

included climbing for the New York-based drama. He was discharged after two days but fainted again at home Monday.

He returned to the hospital for further observation and testing, which did not reveal any health problems beyond exhaustion, Golum said.

## Gay man is open and out to everyone but family

By AVIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am an openly gay man, out of the closet at work, at college and with friends. I’m out to everyone except my family, who have made it clear that being gay is unacceptable.

I spent years trying to change my sexual orientation, which I now know to be about as achievable as changing the color of my eyes.

I don’t know how to come out to my family, or if I even should. The only family member who knows said, “They’ll only hear what they want to hear, and they don’t want to hear this.”

A friend recently asked me what would happen if I was in a relationship. Would I hide forever or come out by saying, “Folks, meet my boyfriend!” He said I should come out for ME, not for them.

Right now I’m confused. One of my family members is disabled and I don’t know if the news would kill him. What’s the wisest thing to do?

ALMOST OUT IN CANTON, OHIO

DEAR ALMOST OUT: In all the time I have been associated with this column—and it’s decades—I have never heard of anyone “dying” from being told that a family member is gay. In fact, the family usually has had some inkling by the time the person chooses to say it.

In your case, the “wisest thing to do” would be to contact Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and request information about how to come out to your family. At the same time, ask for literature that will help your family understand that sexual orientation isn’t something a person “chooses” on a lark, nor is it something for which a person should be punished. PFLAG can be reached at: [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org); or by e-mail: [info\(at\)pflag.org](mailto:info(at)pflag.org); or at 1726 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

I hope your family is willing to broaden their perspective. If not, the loss will be theirs, because it appears you already have other sources of emotional support. Good for you, because people who are happy and involved with others live fuller, more productive lives than those who stay locked in emotional isolation.

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DEAR ABBY: I’m a widowed 48-year-old grandmother raising three beautiful grandchildren, who has been lucky enough to find a really special man I’ll call “Dale.”

I have had four major relationships in my life. The last two have ended with their deaths. The first—my late husband—died in a work-related car accident. The second died of an aortic aneurysm.

Dale has proposed marriage and I said yes; however, my doubts are linked to the adage, “It comes in threes,” and I’m afraid I’ll lose him too. If this seems silly, I’m sorry. I loved both of the men who died, and after the last one I swore never to love like this again. However, God says, “Never say never.” Can you help me?

GUN-SHY IN PHOENIX

DEAR GUN-SHY: Consider this: The only thing sillier than bowing to your superstitions would be to sacrifice a mutual love out of fear. You can’t change what happened in the past, but if you think positive and concentrate on the present, the future will take care of itself. In a sense, we all “place our bets and take our chances” because in life there are no guarantees. The secret is to think positive.

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# Game ends early after Pacers fight fans



**AUBURN HILLS, Michigan** (AP)—Indiana's Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson charged into the stands and fought with fans in the final minute of their game against the Detroit Pistons on Friday night, forcing an early end to the Pacers' 97-82 win.

The game was stopped with 45.9 seconds remaining when a pushing and shoving between the teams spilled into the stands after fans began throwing things at the players near the scorer's table.

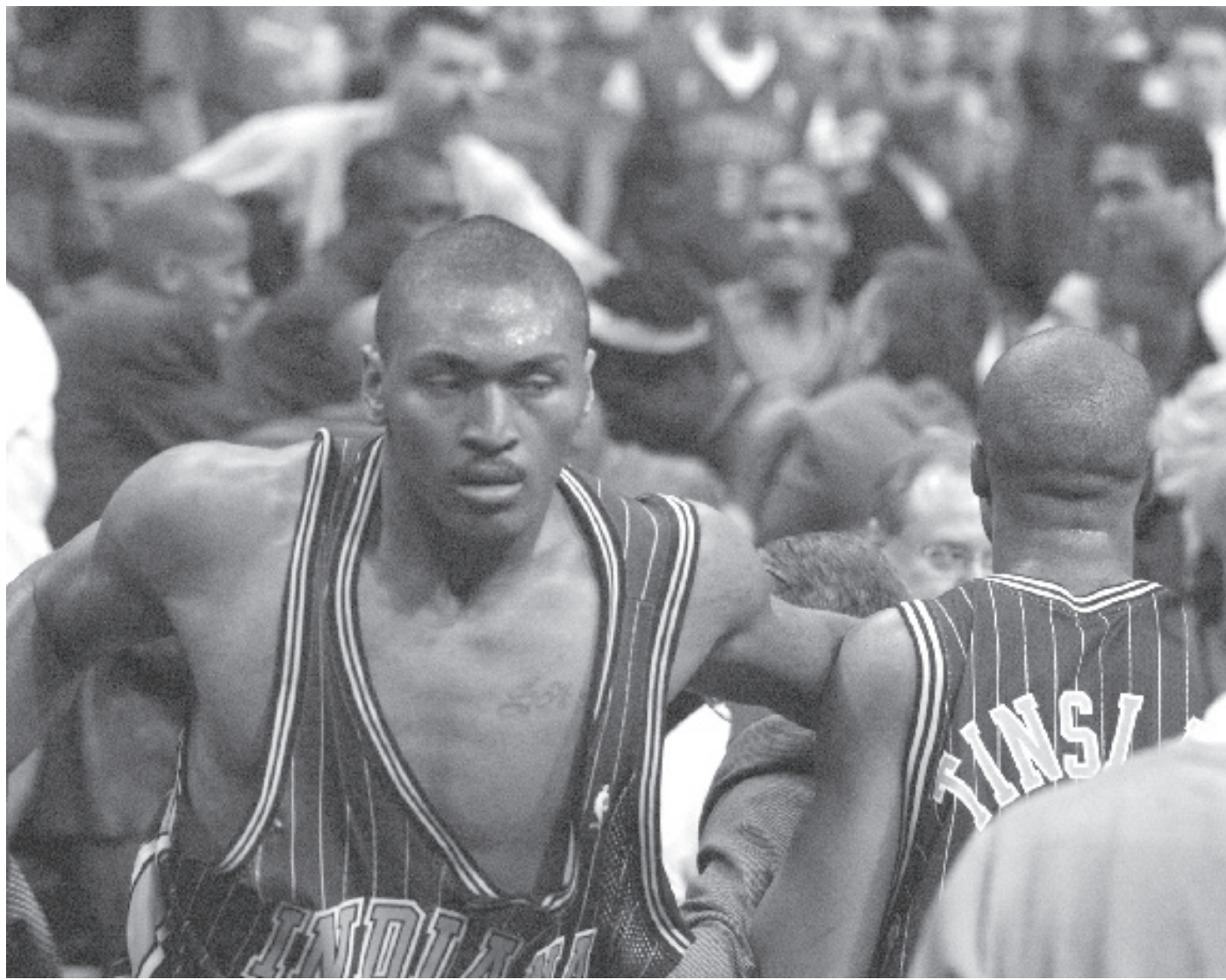
"It's the ugliest thing I've seen as a coach or player," Pistons coach Larry Brown said.

After several minutes of players fighting with fans in the stands, the Pacers were pelted with beer, ice, and popcorn as they made their way to the locker room in one of the scariest brawls in an NBA game.

"I felt like I was fighting for my life out there," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "I'm sorry the game had to end this way."

The Palace announcer said the game was being stopped and pleaded with fans not to throw things.

Jermaine O'Neal had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Pacers. Richard Hamilton led Detroit with 20 points.



Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest gets back on the court after going into the stands after fans during a brawl with the Detroit Pistons with just 45.9 seconds left in the game Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, in Auburn Hills, Mich.

## **SuperSonics 101, Raptors 94**

In Toronto, Rashard Lewis scored 27 points and Ray Allen had 24 to lead Seattle past Toronto for its ninth straight victory.

Antonio Daniels scored 12 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for the surprising SuperSonics, who have the NBA's best record at 9-1. They've won nine straight for the first time since January 1997, and improved to 3-0 on a six-game, 10-day road trip.

Vince Carter had 21 points for the Raptors, losers of five straight.

## **Spurs 92, Celtics 84**

In Boston, Tim Duncan scored 26 points for San Antonio to stay unbeaten in all 14 of his games against Boston.

Trailing 66-59 after three quarters, the Spurs opened the fourth with a 25-6 run in which 18 of their points came off Boston's eight turnovers. The Spurs scored the last 13 points of the surge that led to their sixth straight victory.

Manu Ginobili scored 21 points and Tony Parker had 16.

Boston was led by Paul Pierce with 25 points and Gary Payton with 16, and lost despite outrebounding the Spurs 44-29.

## **Heat 107, Jazz 105, OT**

In Miami, Dwyane Wade capped a career-high 39-point night with a jumper at the buzzer in overtime to lead Miami over Utah.

The second-year guard had 23 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, leading the Heat past a Western Conference opponent for the first time in four tries this season.

Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points—with 2-for-10 foul shooting—and 11 rebounds for Miami before fouling out with 1:19 left in overtime. Eddie Jones added 17 for the Heat.

Carlos Boozer had 25 points

and nine rebounds for Utah, which led by nine in the fourth quarter.

## **Mavericks 103, Knicks 101**

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 12 rebounds to lead Dallas past New York.

Josh Howard added 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Mavericks, who led by as many as 10 early in the fourth quarter and then had to withstand a late rally by the Knicks.

Jamal Crawford had 26 points and Stephon Marbury added 24 points and eight assists to pace the Knicks.

## **Nuggets 99, Bulls 81**

In Denver, Earl Boykins matched his career high with 32 points and Carmelo Anthony added 18, helping Denver keep Chicago winless.

Kenyon Martin had another active night with 13 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Andre Miller added 16 points for Denver, which has won three of four since a 1-4 start.

The 1.65-meters (5-foot-5) Boykins went over 30 points for the second time in four games, matching his point total against Detroit on Nov. 11, when he became the smallest player in NBA history to eclipse the mark.

## **Suns 107, Lakers 102**

In Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire scored 33 points, including the go-ahead three-point play with 51.8 seconds remaining to lift Phoenix over the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was the third consecutive 30-plus game for the third-year power forward—the first Suns frontcourt player to do that since Charles Barkley in 1995-96.

After shooting 0-for-10 in the first half, Kobe Bryant scored 26 of his 29 points in the second and finished with a triple-double, but he missed two 3-pointers late while the Suns went on a 9-3 run over the final minute.

Steve Nash had 18 points and 16 assists, while Shawn Marion had 27 points and 15 rebounds.

## **Trail Blazers 110, Bucks 98**

In Portland, Oregon, Damon Stoudamire scored 33 points and Zach Randolph added 22 points and 18 rebounds to lead Portland over Milwaukee.

Stoudamire scored 13 points in the first quarter and hit six 3-pointers for Portland, which had lost four of five games.

Michael Redd, coming off a 33-point performance against Miami, had 29 points to lead the Bucks. Desmond Mason added 22 points and eight rebounds.

## **Kings 107, Grizzlies 105**

In Sacramento, California, Chris Webber had 31 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists as Sacramento rallied in the fourth quarter for a victory over Memphis.

Webber scored 13 points in the fourth period, making several impressive dunks and perimeter shots as Sacramento won its fourth straight game and remained unbeaten in four home games this season.

It was another disappointing night at Arco Arena for the Grizzlies, who lost here for the 13th straight time. Their last Sacramento victory was April 19, 1998.

# No. 1 Kansas avoids Vermont upset, 68-61

By **DOUG TUCKER**  
AP SPORTS WRITER



**LAWRENCE, Kan.** (AP)—Wayne Simien had 25 points and 14 rebounds, and No. 1 Kansas pulled away in the final two minutes to avoid a stunning upset and beat Vermont 68-61 on Friday night.

The Jayhawks, who haven't started a season No. 1 since 1956-57, trailed the underdog Catamounts 58-54 when Taylor Coppentrath hit a short jumper with 4:24 left.

Christian Moody, a walk-on starter, made two free throws to give Kansas a 61-59 lead with 2:49 left and start a 9-2 run that extinguished Ver-

mont's bid for what would have been one of the great upsets in school history.

Aaron Miles, who missed his first eight shots, made a 14-footer to beat the shot clock and put Kansas on top 63-59 with 1:48 to play.

Simien, a preseason All-America forward, scored the last four points for Kansas (1-0), which hasn't lost a home opener in 32 years.

Coppentrath, whose 24.1 average last year helped propel the Catamounts (0-1) to their second straight NCAA tournament, had just six points in the first half but finished with 23 points and seven rebounds. T.J. Sorrentine had 13 points for Vermont.

After his first bucket, Miles grabbed a key rebound and fed Keith Langford running the floor. Langford was fouled by Coppentrath and made one shot for a 64-59 lead that gave Kansas breathing room for the first time all night.

With 3:28 left, J.R. Giddens hit a 3-pointer that put the Jayhawks on top 59-58, then Coppentrath hit a free throw that tied it 59-all.

The two teams swapped the lead back and forth through the 40s and 50s with nobody ever leading by more than two.

A pair of free throws by Simien tied it 54-all but then Coppentrath outmuscled Simien for an offensive rebound and got the putback for

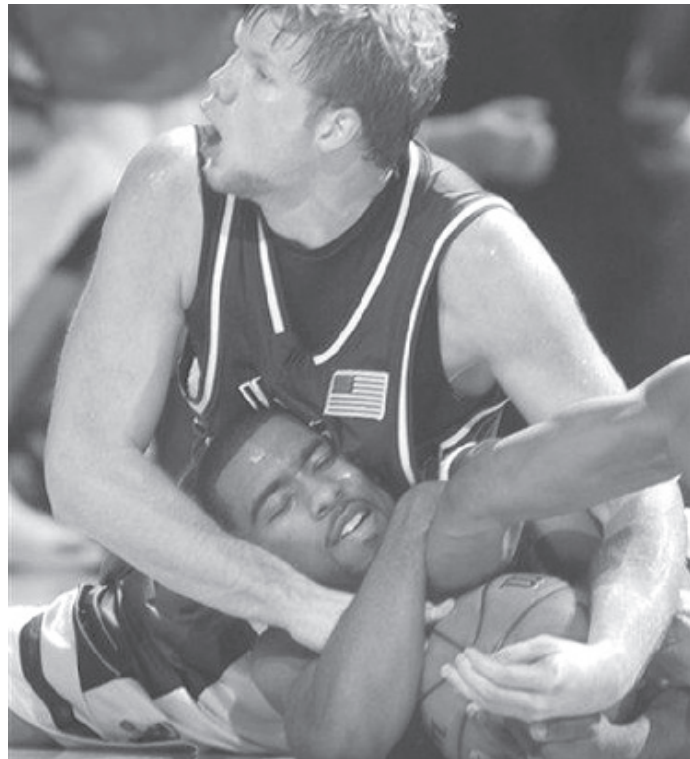
a 56-54 lead with 5:24 to go.

Coppentrath made it 58-54 with 4:24 left, then Simien got free underneath and inspired a roar from the crowd with a dunk that closed the gap to 58-56.

The Catamounts, who return four starters from last year's 22-9 team, shot 29 percent in the first half but trailed only 38-29 because Kansas hit only 11 of 32 from the floor.

Langford and Giddens each had 12 for Kansas.

Vermont forward Taylor Coppentrath, top, ties up Kansas guard Keith Langford during the second half at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan., Friday, Nov. 19, 2004.





# Angels trade Jose Guillen to Expos

By JOSEPH WHITE  
AP SPORTS WRITER



**WASHINGTON (AP)**—After a temper tantrum that led to an eight-game suspension and a course in anger management, Jose Guillen needed a change of scenery. He'll find it in the nation's capital. The Anaheim Angels traded Guillen to the Washington-bound Expos—the soon-to-be Nationals—on Friday for outfielder Juan Rivera and prospect Maicer Izturis.

"It was the best thing that could happen, taking into consideration the way things ended last season between us," Guillen told The Associated Press from his home in Miami. "I'm excited to be a part of the Expos and part of history, now that we'll play in the U.S. capital."

Guillen was suspended for the final eight games of the regular season and dropped from Anaheim's playoff roster after he threw a tantrum in the dugout and clubhouse when he was removed for a pinch-runner on Sept. 25. In a grievance settlement, he agreed to allow the Angels to withhold two days' pay.

Expos general manager Jim Bowden, who had Guillen on his Cincinnati Reds roster in 2002 and 2003, thinks Guillen has put the episode behind him.

"He had a difficult learning experience that we feel comfortable that he has learned from," Bowden said. "He has undergone an anger management course which he has successfully completed. He feels that has really helped him."



This is a 2004 file photo of Jose Guillen of the Anaheim Angels baseball team.

The trade caps a busy week for Bowden, who was known for his aggressive dealing when he was with the Reds. On Tuesday, the Expos agreed to a \$16.8 million, four-year contract with shortstop Cristian Guzman, and a \$6.2 million, two-year deal with third baseman Vinny Castilla. Bowden also re-signed manager Frank Robinson for another year, and Jose Rijo said Friday he will be the team's pitching coach.

Bowden's next priorities are more pitching and a backup catcher.

The on-field moves have led a paralleled existence with the off-the-field developments regarding the relocation from Montreal. The team began taking \$300 deposits for season tickets this week, receiving more than 11,500 deposits by Friday afternoon, even as baseball owners postponed a planned vote to approve the move. Approval by the owners is expected next month, as well as approval by the District of Columbia government on the required stadium deal.

The franchise also will receive

its new name—the Nationals—on Monday during a news conference at Union Station, according to a city official and a baseball official who both spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bowden began talks with Angels general manager Bill Stoneman regarding Guillen even before officially becoming the Expos' general manager on Nov. 2. Guillen, who likely will play right field in Washington, hit .294 with 27 homers and a career-high 104 RBIs this year. He is owed \$3.5 million next season, a bargain big bat that the Expos can afford.

"I'd trust my children with him," Bowden said. "Good people make mistakes, too. People in life deserve second chances. He's maturing, on and off the field."

Stoneman said the trade was made in part to get center fielder Garret Anderson back to left field, but Guillen's antics also were a factor.

"I'm not going to deny that the issue didn't have something to do with it," Stoneman said. "We know we're losing a big RBI guy, but going forward, we'll fill those spots."

Angels manager Mike Scioscia said, "Jose would have been welcomed back."

"Jose took responsibility for his actions. Hopefully, he'll be a better person for what happened," Scioscia said. "If he had been with our club next year, it's something we would have made work."

Rivera, acquired by Montreal from the New York Yankees in the Nick Johnson trade last December, hit .307 for the Expos with 12 homers and 49 RBIs in his first full major league season.

Izturis, the younger brother of Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Cesar Izturis, hit .338 with 65 runs scored, 19 doubles, three homers and 36 RBIs for Triple-A Edmonton. He made his major league debut Aug. 27 and batted .206 with five doubles, two triples and four RBIs in 107 at-bats with Montreal.

Stoneman said he was looking at Chone Figgins as a possible center fielder, "or maybe

somebody later."

"In terms of Rivera, we spoke to the Yankees two years ago trying to obtain him. He gives us a right-handed bat to play the outfield," Stoneman said. "Izturis is a young, up-and-coming middle infield guy who can really run. Last year when I visited Salt Lake to watch our affiliate there play Edmonton, Izturis is the guy who really stood out in the series."

"He's a little-bitty guy, but he can play baseball."

Rijo said he received an offer two weeks ago from Bowden to become the Expos' pitching coach. The Dominican retired from the majors in 2001 with a 111-87 record and 3.15 ERA in 13 seasons with the New York Yankees, Oakland A's and Reds.

"I decided to accept the job, but I won't sign the official contract until December 9," Rijo said.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	5	.444	—
Boston	3	4	.429	—
Toronto	4	6	.400	1/2
New York	3	5	.375	1/2
New Jersey	2	6	.250	1 1/2

##### Southeast Division

Miami	7	3	.700	—
Orlando	5	3	.625	1
Washington	4	4	.500	2
Atlanta	2	6	.250	4
Charlotte	1	6	.143	4 1/2

##### Central Division

Indiana	7	2	.778	—
Cleveland	5	3	.625	1 1/2
Detroit	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	3
Chicago	0	7	.000	6

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

San Antonio	8	1	.889	—
Dallas	8	2	.800	1/2
Houston	4	6	.400	4 1/2
Memphis	3	6	.333	5
New Orleans	0	7	.000	7

##### Northwest Division

Seattle	9	1	.900	—
Utah	6	3	.667	2 1/2
Minnesota	4	3	.571	3 1/2
Portland	4	4	.500	4
Denver	4	5	.444	4 1/2

##### Pacific Division

Phoenix	7	2	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	5	4	.556	2
Sacramento	5	4	.556	2
L.A. Lakers	5	5	.500	2 1/2
Golden State	2	7	.222	5

#### Yesterday's Games

Seattle 101, Toronto 94  
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Alvernia 92, Rutgers-Camden 52  
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Brockport 107, Medaille 52  
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##### Third Place

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##### First Round

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#### LOUISIANA CLASSIC

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#### WORCESTER COUNTY CLASSIC

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N.C.-Greensboro 98, Montreal 67

By The Associated Press

## Woods widens lead at Dunlop Phoenix

By JIM ARMSTRONG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**MIYAZAKI, Japan (AP)**—Tiger Woods fired a 5-under 65 Saturday to open up a comfortable 10-stroke lead at the Dunlop Phoenix.

Woods, who went into the third round with a three-stroke lead, birdied two of the first three holes and then added three more at the Phoenix Country Club to close in on his first title since February and first win in Japan.

"The goal today was to increase the lead if I could," said Woods, who has a 54-hole total of 13-under 197. "Christian (Pena) got off to a great start and birdied two of the first three holes. I thought it was important to answer him and I did."

Naomichi Ozaki, Ryoken Kawagishi and Sweden's Daniel Chopra are tied in second place at 3-under 207. The US\$1.89 million (€1.46 million) tournament is the richest on the Japan tour.

Woods' birdie on the 504-me-

ter (560-yard) par-5 18th pretty much summed up his day.

Using a driver off the tee, Woods put the ball in the rough on the right side of the fairway between two bunkers. He used a 3-iron to reach the front of the green from 214 meters (238 yards) and then two-putted from 60 feet.

"I got a really nice break there ending up between two bunkers," said Woods. "You can't get any luckier than that."

Woods' 10-stroke lead ties his largest margin after 54 holes. He also had a 10-shot lead at the 2000 U.S. Open after three rounds.

Woods, winner of eight major titles, lost his No. 1 ranking to Vijay Singh two months ago. He enjoyed his lone victory this year at the Match Play Championship. The last time he won a stroke-play tournament was in October 2003.

Only three players have come from behind to beat Woods on the final day, including South Africa's Retief Goosen, who did so earlier this month at the Tour

Championship.

Woods, who revamped his swing this year, said he feels better now than he has for a while.

"It's a work in progress," said Woods. "Probably the last time I put together three rounds in a row like this was at the Deutsche Bank when I finished second to Vijay (Singh)."

Singh beat Woods at the Deutsche Bank Championship in September to clinch the No. 1 ranking in the world.

Woods said winning for the first time in Japan would be a nice way to cap of a year that hasn't been one of his best.

"It's huge," said Woods. "Just look at the past championships of this tournament. This is one of the biggest tournaments in Japan and obviously one you want to win and I'm in a good position to do that tomorrow."

After a 63 on Friday, Pena shot a 73 in the third round to fall into a for seventh place. Defending champion Thoas Bjorn of Denmark shot a 69 and is tied for 20th at 3-over 213.



# The Week in Sports

## On all fronts

By **MARK RABAGO**  
REPORTER

The island was overrun by sports activities the past week.

It began Saturday with swimming at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, where the Saipan Swim Club held its 2004 All Schools Swimming Championships. While Whispering Palms School and Saipan International School retained their titles in the elementary and junior high divisions, Marianas Baptist School emerged as the new power in the high school ranks.

Later in the afternoon, Miller Lite Barbarians ended the regular season with a win over Verizon Nitro in the 2004 Commonwealth Football League at the CPA Airport Field.

A few hours later, the who's who in the island's track and field list competed in the 2004 All School Cross Country Championships in the same area.

The weekend baseball results, meanwhile, saw North Stars and Kautz Glass Glazers win their Saturday match ups against the Pirates and Hustlers. Glazers returned to the baseball diamond the next day and closed out the

Pirates in a continued game.

In tennis, Ralph and younger brother Russell dominated the 2004 NMITA Fall Classic Tennis Championships after winning the boy's 18-and-under and 14-and-under divisions, respectively. Joseph Motto, Jr. reigned supreme in the boy's 10-and-under, while Audrey Motto and Thea Minor held court in the girl's 18-and-under and 14-and-under age groups.

On Tuesday, NMC/Saipancell Proa annexed the pennant championship of the 2004 Men's Island Wide Fast Pitch Softball League after raising their record to 11-1 following a win over the D9ers.

In basketball, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Department of Labor, and Public School System marched to their third straight wins, sans a defeat, in the 2004 Government Basketball League last week.

Volleyball also saw plenty of action with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Miller 4-Person Beach Volleyball League and the 2004-2005 Island Wide Men's and Women's Volleyball League keeping the island's top spikers busy at the Pacific Islands Club sand courts and the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lila Mailman awaits the service of Audrey Motto in their girl's 14-and-under championship of the 2004 NMITA Fall Classic Tennis Championship Sunday.

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The boy's and girl's 18-and-under freestyle get underway in the 2004 All Schools Swimming Championships at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last Nov. 13.



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Bradley Brostrom of Saipan International School has his school's initials written on his body and arm during the 2004 All Schools Swimming Championships.



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From left, Corner Pocket owner Ken Phillips, runner-up Mario Diola, Corner Pocket Monday 9-Ball champion Jerry Soriano, and referee Ramsey Ridep.



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John Cruz of Saipan Mayor's Office drives to the hoop in their 2004 Government Basketball League game against Department of Community and Cultural Affairs last Wednesday. DCCA won 79-73.

Joey Dela Cruz of DCCA drives hard in the third quarter of their game against Saipan Mayor's Office.

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D9ers players at the dugout in their losing game against NMC/Saipancell Proa at the Men's Island-wide Fast Pitch Softball League Tuesday.

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Andrew Johnson in action against Crosby Schultz in the boy's 10-and-under division of the Fall Classic last Nov. 11 at the AMP tennis courts

The NMC Proa had plenty of time during a timeout in their match against the Monarchs to pose for a picture, as the Island Wide Men's and Women's Volleyball League continued at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium on Wednesday night.

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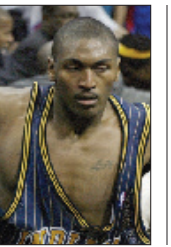
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**Game ends early after Pacers fight fans**

Indiana's Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson charged into the stands and fought with fans in the final minute of their game against the Detroit Pistons on Friday night, forcing an early end to the Pacers' 97-82 win.

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# Four in a row for Soriano

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Might as well call Jerry Soriano "Big Daddy." Soriano won his fourth consecutive Monday 9-Ball Tournament championship at Corner Pocket last Nov. 15, marking only the second time a run like that has been recorded at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

The 33-year-old employee of Saipan Ice looked very vulnerable in the first two rounds, but when push came to shove, Soriano's expert cue stick was money.

Sans his patented moustache, the Mexico, Pampanga, Philippines native opened his defense by turning back the challenge of Erick Caisip 6-3. Caisip, a former champion of the tournament, had his chances against Soriano but crucial mistakes in the final match cost him the upset.

Other first round matches saw Primo Rivera drub Nolan Cultura, 4-1; Erick Santos sweep Rommel Crisotomo, 4-0; Patrick Woods edge 73-year-old Leonard Sablan, 4-3; Mario Diola slip by Joe Castro, 4-2; Roger Espiritu defeat close friend Joey Lucido, 6-3; Juancho Mendoza top James Cabrera, 4-2; and Vic S. Hocog up-end Manny Aguon, 4-1.

In the second round, Soriano escaped the upset axe anew, surviving an inspired game by Hocog, 6-3. Hocog led Soriano 3-3, and was at the cusp of



Jerry Soriano in action during last Monday's 9-ball competition at Corner Pocket.

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advancing to the third round, when a crucial mistake brought the defending champion back to the green felt table and it was curtains for Hocog.

Diola also marched on after nipping Woods 4-3, while Mendoza upset Espiritu with the same score. Santos com-

pleted the semifinals cast after he outplayed Rivera, curiously also with the same score, 4-3.

In the final four, Diola had a field day against Mendoza and barged into the finals with a 4-2 victory. Soriano, meanwhile, was on a roll against Santos in

their semifinal match up. Despite a barrage of trash talk from the wily veteran, Soriano brought out the big broom and proceeded to sweep his opponent 6-0, including a couple of long runs and a nine-ball-on-the-break.

Obviously getting off the cobwebs

in his game against Santos, Soriano was simply unstoppable in the championship round. He had a momentary hiccup in the second game when he missed with only three balls left on the table.

But after the break in the third game, it was all easy pickings for Soriano as he run the table a couple of times and even threw in a couple of nine-ball-on-the-break for good measure and won in a score of 6-1.

"I think I was just being lucky these past four weeks. I also try to practice as much as I can. I think I also get plenty of workout from delivering water bottles," said Soriano in jest after his historic win.

Corner Pocket's Monday 9-Ball Tournament rolls off every Monday beginning at 9pm. The competition uses a handicap to give beginners a chance against top-caliber players. Entry fee is \$10 and first place and second place are guaranteed prize money.

Corner Pocket is also moving its Tuesday 8-Ball Tournament to Thursday beginning next week. Play starts at 8:30pm. Participants must fork over \$15 to enter the double-elimination competition. Progressive pot for 8-ball in a break will apply.

Both the regular 9-ball and 8-ball tournaments use the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. For more information on the regular Monday 9-Ball Tournament and upcoming Thursday 8-Ball Tournament, please contact Ken Phillips at 233-POOL (7665).

## Stewart: Young swimmers continue to amaze me

By MARK RABAGO  
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The future of the Saipan Swim Club appears to be secure after its young, up-and-coming swimmers performed well for their respective schools in the recent 2004 All Schools Swimming Championships at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

No less than SSC coach Mike Stewart was elated by the results of the meet and delighted on how his young ones did in the water.

"The best standout swims came from our younger swimmers. Some of our young swimmers continue to amaze me with their progress," he said.

He went on to enumerate swimmers Dominique Austin (10 years old), Bradley Brostrom (11), Ilia Corella (9), Andrew Kimball (7), R. J. Knecht (9), Selena Leon Guerrero (11), Emma McCoullough-Stearns (11), and Ashley Northern (9) as the young swimmers that impressed him most during the All Schools.

"They all had great time drops for this time of year," he said.

For the record, Ilia Corella finished

second in the girl's 9-and-under 200m individual medley and returned to top form in the 400m freestyle. Leon Guerrero dominated the girl's 100m freestyle and took the plum in the 400m freestyle.

Northern was tops in the girl's 9-and-under 200m freestyle and second in the 50m butterfly. McCoullough-Stearns triumphed in the girl's 12-and-under individual medley and also did the same in the 400m freestyle. Austin was first in the girl's 12-and-under 200m freestyle and ranked second in the 100m freestyle.

Kimball was third best in the boy's 9-and-under 50m backstroke and fourth in the 50m freestyle, while Knecht lorded it over the boy's 9-and-under 100m and 50m butterfly events. Brostrom was No. 1 in the boy's 12-and-under 200m freestyle and was second in the 100m freestyle.

On the reality that it appear the more swimmers schools have in the water, the better their chances of topping their age groups, Stewart offered a logical solution.

"It is a numbers game of sorts, [the] best way to make it an even playing field, is to get more participation from the schools."



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Saipan Swim Club coach Mike Stewart paces the length of the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool during the 2004 All Schools Swimming Championships last Nov. 13.

Although no national or team records were broken during this year's All Schools, Stewart happily reported that 62 out of 99 swims in the event were Life Time Best (LTBs) swims.

He also said that two swimmers are closing in on South Pacific Mini Games qualifying times. "Michael Camacho, and Nicole Calvo are knocking on the door."

Despite the success of the past All Schools, Stewart admits he is far from contented and would have liked more time to prepare for such a big competition.

"Due to me not getting on this meet until the 11th hour, we had a small turnout, or smaller than what should have been," said Stewart.

He, however, noted that he is planning to host an All Schools Spring Meet sometime in late April early or May 2005.

"With this, I would be able to recruit more public schools to get involved in swimming as a regular physical education activity. Hopefully this will promote more children in the sport. Hence, may also justify the need for a new, more centrally located facility."

## Shieh Su Ying Junior Golf Championship at week's end



The Northern Marianas Junior Golf League, in cooperation with the Guam Junior Golf League and the Shieh Su Yin Scholarship, will hold the Shieh Su Ying Junior Golf Championship this coming Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The tournament is open to all junior golfers of the CNMI and Guam between the ages of 7 years old and 18 years old.

Application forms are available at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, and at the Law Office of Manibusan in Fina Sisu.

For more information about the Shieh Su Ying Junior Golf Championship, please contact Edward Manibusan at 235-6520 or Jeff Taylor at 483-5338 for those interested from the CNMI. For players from Guam, please call Kaoru Camacho at 688-2878 and 646-1740.